



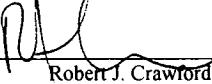
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AND METHOD

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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 20, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 5, 17 and 18, and replace the indicated claims as follows (attached to this Response find marked-up revision to the claims):

1. *(Amended)* A circuit arrangement for controlling audio signal transmissions for a communications system that includes a microphone and a video camera, comprising:
A 1 a video processor configured and arranged to receive a video signal from the video camera, detect movement of an object in the video signal, provide a motion-indicating signal indicating movement relative to the object; and
an audio processor coupled to the video processor and configured and arranged to modify and mute the audio signal to be transmitted responsive to the motion-indicating signal.

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